Karnah Power House

854. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnah Power House has been damaged due to recent earthquakes in J. & K.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much time it will take to get it operational?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The main structure of the power house building of the Karnah Hydroelectric Project (2MW) in Kupwara District of Jammu and Kashmir is safe. However, certain damages have occurred to other structures/components due to the recent earthquake.

(b) Damages have ocurred to the brick masonry, Gable walls, glass panes, etc. of Power House, electrical and mechanical machinery and allied equipments, approach road, residential quarters etc. Intake water conductor system, desilting basin, fore bay, penstock etc. have got choked by debris.

(c) Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that 4 months' time would be required to get the project operational.

Financial aid from foreign countries for modernization and renovation of thermal power plants

†855. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where from financial aid has been received for the modernization and renovation of thermal power projects; and

(b) the details of the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Asian Development bank (ADB) has sanctioned a loan of US $150 million on 7.4.2004 to Power Finance Corporation for Power Sector distribution Project, including Renovation & Modernization of thermal power stations. Renovation & Modernization schemes for 8 thermal power stations in Maharashtra have been sanctioned from this loan package.

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